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SUBJECT: COURT-MARTIAL OF US SIKH CONVERTS IN WEST
GERMANY

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1. DELEGATION OF EIGHTEEN SIKH COMMUNITY LEADERS AND
THREE APPARENT U.S. CITIZEN SIKHS CALLED AT EMBASSY
NOV. 15 TO PROTEST TREATMENT OF BROADWELL AND FRESCO IN
GERMANY. GROUP PRESENTED PETITION SIGNED BY LEADERS
WHO CLAIM TO REPRESENT COMMUNITY OF 100,000 - 200,000
SIKHS IN UK. PETITION AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RECEIVED
FROM SIKHS BEING FORWARDED BY POUCH.

2. SIKHS SAID THEY OBJECT TO THE WAY TRIAL OF BROADWELL
AND FRESCO WAS CONDUCTED AND TO SENTENCE IMPOSED. BUT
WORST ACTION BY U.S. ARMY WAS TO FORCEABLY SHAVE AND
CUT HAIR OF THE TWO SERVICEMEN. THIS IS HUMILIATION
TO SIKHS THAT GOES BEYOND REASONABLE PUNISHMENT EVEN
IF MEN WERE GUILTY OF AN INFRACTION.

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3. ONE AMERICAN MEMBER OF GROUP SAID SIKHS IN U.S.
ARE SEEKING CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR INVESTIGATION
INTO BROADWELL-FRESCO MATTER.

4. LEADER OF GROUP SAID THAT TODAY'S PROTEST WAS IN
SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND INTENDED TO BE "CIVIL" IN
NATURE BUT IF NO REDRESS IS GIVEN SOON LONDON SIKH
COMMUNITY WILL BE FORCED TO TAKE MORE DRAMATIC MEASURES
INCLUDING LARGE-SCALE DEMONSTRATIONS AT EMBASSY.

5. WE DID NOT RESPOND TO SUBSTANCE OF ISSUE BUT PRO-
MISED TO FORWARD DOCUMENTATION AND REPORT ON ORAL

PRESENTATION.

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